GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:419
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any plan for the development of telecom infrastructure during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to be helpful in the telecom development?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUE NO. 419 FOR 16TH APRIL, 2001 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE.

During 2001-2002, the following targets, for the development of telecom infrastructure are planned by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited:

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i) DELs (Direct Exchange Lines)    72.30(lakhs)
ii) Transmission:


  Optical Fibre Cable     126000 (Route Kilometres)
  Microwave       7500 ( Route Kilometres)


Total        133500 (Route Kilometres)


iii) VPTs (Village Public Telephones)  144000
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As envisaged in NTP`99 (New Telecom Policy `99), the development of telecom infrastructure is being done both by Government sector and private sector. Steps have already been initiated to allow private sector participation for development of telecom infrastructure.